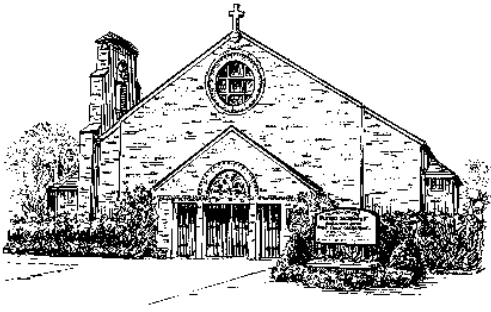


BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

February 12, 2017

Staten Island, New York 10310



Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Finn, Pastor
Reverend Francisco Lanzaderas
Reverend Roland Antony Raj, MMI
Reverend Monsignor Francis V. Boyle, Pastor Emeritus

MASSES:

Saturday in the Church: 5:00 PM (Vigil), Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM.
Weekdays in the Church: 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Saturday in the Church: 9:00 AM.
Holy Days in the Church: 7:00 PM (Vigil), 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 12:00 to 1:00 PM; 4:15 to 5:00 PM.
Anytime upon reasonable request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday at 2:00 PM. (Except during July & August, then only on the First and Third Sunday and other specified days)
Arrangements should be made at least one month in advance with the priest of the Parish. Parents of a first child and parents who are new to Blessed Sacrament must attend a Baptism Instruction Class which is held the second Tuesday evening of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish House Meeting Room. Godparents should be Practicing Catholics, and must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their Parish.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made about six months in advance, with a priest of the Parish. Couples must attend Pre-Cana Conferences.

SICK CALLS - At any time.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA - Every Monday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - First Friday from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Welcome to our Parish.

We invite all parishioners to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and register at the Parish House Office weekdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

PARISH HOUSE

30 Manor Road
442-1581

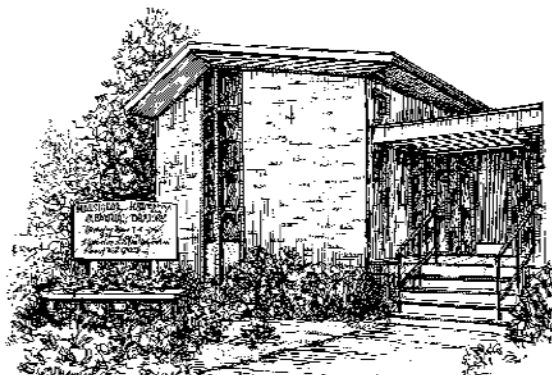
<http://www.blessedsacramentchurchsi.org>

SCHOOL

Mr. Joseph Cocozello
Principal
830 Delafield Avenue
442-3090

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sister Anne Dolores Van Wagenen, C.S.JB. - D.R.E.
830 Delafield Avenue
448-0378



ST. JOSEPH GUILD

9:30am Mass next Sunday, Feb. 19th, with meeting to follow in the PHMR

COFFEE SUNDAY next Sunday, Feb. 19th in the Parish Center Meeting Room, following the 8, 9:30 and 11am Masses. Please stop by for a donut and some friendly conversation.

THANK YOU FROM THE SETON FOUNDATION

Dear Msgr. Finn:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Parent Guild and most especially the children of the Seton Foundation, I would like to express our gratitude for allowing us to conduct our annual Christmas Raffle at your parish.

This raffle is the major fund raising activity each year, and it enables us to raise approximately 10% of our annual operating budget for Mother Franciska Elementary School and Bishop Patrick V. Ahern High School. This year the raffle raised \$86,701 of which your parishioners contributed \$2,873.

The prayers and support we received from you and your parishioners are a great blessing for us. We are very grateful for the generosity of our loyal friends.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our programs for God's special children. Best wishes from all of us at Seton Foundation for a very blessed and happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Mary D. Hughes, Esq.
Executive Director

SUNDAY COLLECTION			
<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
\$5,878 (Weekly)		\$6,154 (Weekly)	
\$1,896	<Peter's Pence>	\$2,148	
ATTENDANCE			
<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	
789 (Adults)		813 (Adults)	
193 (Children)		203 (Children)	
982		1,016	

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RAYMOND MAGNUSKI**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pflieger, Jr., Phyllis Ribaud, Ann Socci, James Burghardt, Concetta Chicolo, Amelia DiMauro, Mary Kenny, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Deirdre Westergren, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzdak, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Phyllis Scharfenberg, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connelly, Mary Belli, Mark Volpe, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Susannah Yates, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Grace Leddy, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Casta Miskowitz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Lucy D'Angelo, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Mary Ruggiero, Amparo Isaza, Brian Nelson, Joan Callahan, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Dina Menjivar, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Troy Crispino and Michelina Farley

SYMPATHY

Remember the soul and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

MONDAY

7:00 Anne Fahey
9:00 Deceased Members of Klingele Family

TUESDAY

7:00 John O'Rourke, Jr. (Living)
9:00 David Callaghan

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Edna Laub (40th Anniv.)
9:00 Marie Reinhardt McNally

THURSDAY

7:00 Janice Jackus
9:00 Deceased Members of Ward family

FRIDAY

7:00 Clotilda Rodriguez
9:00 Mary Reilly

SATURDAY

9:00 Florence Campbell
5:00 Mary Hoban

SUNDAY

8:00 Robert & Kathleen DeForest
9:30 John O'Connell
12:30 Alfred F. Brown (25th Anniv.)

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2017

	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>
5:00 PM Vigil	Team 2	K. Kelley	C. Rooney & V. Donnelly
8:00 AM	Team 3	P. Thomann	A. Coscia & D. Vigliotti
9:30 AM	Team 4	C. Wodzinski & Student	P. Thomann & K. Falcone
11:00 AM	Team 5	D. Leddy	J. Spach & M. Spach
12:30 PM	Team 1	TBD	M. Conigatti & E. Laub

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Resources 15th Annual "Pasta Bowl" will be held on Sunday, March 12th from 2pm to 5pm at 3450 Victory Blvd. Enjoy all the pasta you can eat, prepared by some of Staten Island's favorite restaurants. Cost is \$40pp and includes pasta, beverages, coffee, espresso and dessert.

Entertainment by Greg Maruggi and Andrew Convissar. For more info, please call Development Office at 718-447-5200 ext. 206/237

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse's office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. If you wish to make an appointment with the Parish Nurse, Peggy Smith, please call her at 718-447-9657.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Parish of Sts. Peter & Paul and Assumption offers two Support Groups to interested adults. The **Bereavement Support Group** will meet on six Tuesday mornings at 11:30, beginning March 7th. The **Support Group for the Separated and Divorced** meets year-round on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7:30pm. Both groups meet in the Catechetical Center at 15 Webster Ave. Call 718-727-2672 for more info.

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES (SFCS)

SFCS, for those in their 30s,40s and 50s will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 7:15pm Confession 101: From the Early Church to the Present at Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Road. \$5-\$10 appreciated. Just in time for Lent, join us as Father Angelo Micciulla discusses how the sacrament of confession began and how it was done from the early Church until it was developed into what we have today. For more info check our website: www.sgspci.org.

GOOD COUNSEL HOME "BABY SHOWER"

Sunday, Feb. 26th in the Parish Center Meeting Room Good Counsel Homes are in need of DIAPERS and BABY WIPES. Please consider donating one or more packs of diapers (all sizes) and or wipes. Checks will also be accepted made out to Good Counsel Homes. Please note at bottom of check: Staten Island Home.

SAVE THE DATE

Staten Island Center for Independent Living's Annual Dinner Dance is Friday, March 24th at Li Greci's Staaten, Cocktail Hour 7-8pm Dinner and Dancing 8pm-11pm. Call 718-720-9016 for more info.

FROM THE PASTOR

As the old saying goes: "We live in interesting times!" We might even add unusual, surprising, amazing even troublesome times! With pen in hand, I write this bulletin ten days prior to the above date and controversy surrounds much in our lives and that of the nations. Will President Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court, Judge Neil Gorsuch be confirmed? In 2006 he was unanimously confirmed to a prestigious court by all concerned. In 2017 - confirmation is a question.

As a supporter of the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death permit me to share with you from Building A Better World in Columbia Magazine the following article entitled:

The Future of Roe
The Supreme Court's infamous
1973 abortion decision remains an
unsettling - and unsettled - issue.
By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

As a special assistant to President Ronald Reagan in 1986, I was privileged to work on the nomination of Antonin Scalia to be a member of the U. S. Supreme Court. At the time, I could not imagine that 30 years later we would be considering a new nominee to fill the vacancy resulting from his untimely death.

President Reagan had pledged to appoint judges who respect "the sanctity of innocent human life." Americans knew his language was to be understood in light of his repeated criticism of the Supreme Court's 1973 abortion decision in Roe v. Wade. With the nomination of Justice Scalia, he kept his promise, and Scalia was unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

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Whenever there is a Supreme Court vacancy, we are told by supporters of Roe v. Wade that the decision is "settled law." But such supporters face this difficulty: Roe v. Wade will never be settled law, because Roe v. Wade is founded on the lie that we do not know that the victim of every abortion - an unborn child - is a human being.

There is another difficulty as well: Since Roe v. Wade, millions of women have concluded that instead of being helpful, abortion is deeply hurtful.

In America, judicial decisions that are contrary to the dignity of the human person simply cannot be sustained over time. This is the lesson we learned long ago from those tragic court decisions which held that African Americans were not entitled to the equal protection of our laws.

Roe v. Wade will never be settled constitutional law as long as Americans say, "It is not settled."

This was precisely the approach President Abraham Lincoln took regarding the Supreme Court's 1857 decision in the Dred Scott case and laws on slavery. It was the right approach then, and it remains the right approach today.

Virtually unrestricted abortion continues to be morally unsettling for a majority of Americans. More than four decades after the Supreme Court handed down its decision, abortion remains one of our most controversial issues.

At the time, Justice Byron White called the court's decision in Roe v. Wade an exercise of "raw judicial power." His dissenting opinion remains one of the strongest critiques of the case. Appointed by President John RF. Kennedy, Justice White continued to be a strong critic of Roe v. Wade during the 20 years he remained on the Supreme Court.

He later wrote, "the Judiciary, including this Court, is the most vulnerable and comes nearest to illegitimacy when it deals with judge-made constitutional law having little or no cognizable roots in the language or even the design of the Constitution."

"Raw judicial power" has not convinced Americans that Roe v. Wade is right.

In recent years, our Knights of Columbus-Marist polling has consistently shown that more than 8 in 10 Americans would limit abortion - at most - to the first three months of pregnancy. Almost 6 in 10 would limit it - at most - to cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother, and that includes the majority of Americans who describe themselves as "pro-choice."

Almost two-thirds of Americans say that our abortion rate is too high. And 6 in 10 Americans continue to believe that abortion is morally wrong.

During my address to last year's Supreme Convention, I stated that we will never build a culture of life if we continue to elect public officials who defend a legal regime of unrestricted abortion. The same must be said of those who are appointed as judges.

As we look ahead to how the new president will keep his promise to be pro-life, we remember the worlds of the current occupant of the office who at the beginning of his administration famously said, "Elections have consequences."

When it comes to defending the lives of millions of unborn children, we sincerely hope so.

Vivat Jesus!

God bless you
And God bless America

MSGR. FINN